

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 30, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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In another embodiment of the present invention, a package for a plurality of products is provided. The package includes a housing having a pair of opposed walls, a closed end and an open end. An insert is provided that can be removably located within the housing through the open end of the housing. The insert has a plurality of compartments that store the products. The compartments are adapted to hold their shape after the products are removed from the housing. The compartments create a friction fit between the insert and the pair of opposing walls when the insert is received within the housing. The friction fit occurs both in an initial state in which each of the products are within the compartments and in a subsequent state in which one or more of the products are removed from the compartments.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 21, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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In another embodiment of the present invention, a method for packaging a consumable product is provided. The method includes providing an open ended housing having a removable insert, wherein the insert holds the consumable product. The insert is biased against at least some ~~inside~~ of the inner walls of the housing. The method includes removing the insert from the housing and removing some of the consumable product from the insert. The method further includes reinserting the insert and the remaining consumable product into the housing so that the insert is again biased against the at least some ~~inside~~ of the inner walls of the housing.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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~~An~~ It is therefore an advantage of the present invention ~~is~~ to provide an improved package for products that is reusable.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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Referring now to Figure 3, the insert 14 of Figures 1 and 2 is shown in a product removal position. The insert 14 includes the bases 32 and 54 as described above. Compartments 40, 42 and 44 extend upwardly from the base 32. Each of the compartments 40 through 44 originally ~~contain~~ contains one or more products 46. The compartments 58, 60 and 62 extend upwardly from the base 54. Each of the

compartments ~~50~~ 58, 60 and 62 also ~~include~~ includes one or more products 46. A member 64 applies to and preferably seals to the base 32. The member 64 in an embodiment is a thin plastic sheet or foil. The member can also be a thin metal foil having a plastic coating. In an alternative embodiment, the member 64 is a thin metal or metal coated sheet or foil. The member 64 seals to the base 32 in the flange areas that define the openings of the compartments 34 through 44. The seals maintain the products 46 in an airtight or semi-airtight environment.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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A lower set of compartments 58, 60 and 62 ~~extend~~ extends downwardly from the base 54. Products 46 reside within the compartments 58, 60 and 62 in Figure 5 and only in the compartment 60 in Figure 6. Regardless, the compartments 58, 60 and 62 extend downwardly from the base 54 and apply a part of the force F to the inner surface of the wall 20 in both Figures 5 and 6. Again, although the empty compartments 58 and 62 are illustrated as being in their original shape in Figure 6, the empty compartments 58 and 62 may show signs of being deformed from the product removal process. That is, the bottoms of the compartments may be bowed or depressed. However, the walls or at least some of the walls of the of the compartments 58 and 62 do not deform and instead press against the inside surface of the wall 20.